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CHURCH NEWS.

A few of our correspondents complain that their Church News does not always appear in the paper. We have knowledge of *two* such complaints having come to this office. Now let us say this: Of all the "stuff" that goes into the waste basket, *no Church News ever goes there*. We have now been in the office for two years, and to our knowledge no marriage notice, obituary notice, or Church News of any kind has gone into the waste basket. It should not be necessary to make this statement, and perhaps it is not, for what motive could an Editor have in throwing away Church News? None whatever.

There is nothing that affords us more pleasure than publishing Church News. It is true, we frequently find it necessary to *rewrite* Church News, and this we are willing to do. But when this is done then all unnecessary words are cut out and only the facts appear. There is a possibility of mail being lost, but no probability. Then again mail matter addressed to Brethren Publishing House, very often goes to Brother Garber, who runs an office using that name. Again, we are about three-fourths of a mile away from the Post Office and in carrying mail back and forth, a letter might drop, though great care is exercised. Once more, when Church News and business matters appear on the same sheet, there is a possibility of one or the other being cast into the waste basket unintentionally of course. When the business is attended to, the manager may forget that the letter contains matter for publication. But all these are only possibilities and not probabilities. We venture to say that during our two years in the office, not one half dozen items of Church News intended for publication, have failed to appear in the paper. Send in your Church News. Send it regularly; our readers want it and we want it. Let us have reports from all over the brotherhood, from every congregation in the church.

CLOSED HIS WORK.

On last Sabbath brother J. Allen Miller closed his work for the time being in Ashland City church. In the morning he preached a touching sermon, and in the evening conducted one of the most pleasant communion services it was ever our privilege to attend. Brother Miller as is well known, was for two years, Dean of the Theological Department in A. U. during which time he was also pastor of the Ashland City church, both positions of which he filled with honor to the church and credit to himself. He is now at Hiram, preparing himself more thoroughly for the great work to which the church has called him. Brother Miller is a man of marked ability, a very devoted Christian, earnest and sincere, faithful to his calling, genteel and pleasant in his manner, exceedingly kind-hearted and charitable almost to a fault. His work here, both as teacher and preacher was greatly appreciated, and we regret very much to lose his services. May success crown the labors of our brother. The young men under his instruction here for two years will long remember the help he has given them, in the way of instruction and encouragement.

THE ANNUAL.

The Brethren Annual or Church Year Book for the year 1897, will contain between forty and fifty pages, and will be the most complete ever issued from the office. Besides an excellent Almanac it will contain a church directory, giving the officers of all the various church organizations, Conferences, Sister's Society, Young Peoples' Societies, Sunday-school and church statistics, minutes of last General Conference, a digest of the minutes of all the General Conferences held by the Brethren Church, the Chicago and Washington Missions, cuts of one or two churches, list of ministers in the Brethren Church, and a vast amount of other valuable matter.

Are you a minister? Does your name appear correctly in the last Annual? or does it not appear at all? The Annual of 1896, will be strictly followed in making up the list for 1897, *except where changes are ordered*. We are quite anxious to have the list absolutely correct and therefore kindly request all necessary changes to be made as soon as possible.

A MODEL PROGRAM.

We consider the program for the Indiana State Conference, published in this issue a model program. Turn to it and read it carefully. You will find the main program under the head of church news, while the young people's and Sister's work appears in separate programs, on another page. We admire the program first, for its *comprehensiveness*. It takes in general church work, Sunday-school work, young people's work, Sister's work, sermons, Bible reading, etc. Second, its *system*. The work is systematically outlined, and announcement is made that the work of one session will not be allowed to crowd that of another. Every department of church work will have a "fair show." Third, its *adaptability*. The topics for discussion are wisely chosen, every one of them practical, and adapted to the wants of the church. There are other good points which might be said of the program, but let these suffice. It is an *excellent* program. It seems to us a really active, wide-awake, progressive minister, superintendent, teacher, or leader among the young people or sisters, could not *possibly* afford to miss the bounteous feast prepared by the Executive Committee of the Indiana State Conference. Let the whole state turn out. The Illiokota program too, is good, but not so comprehensive. These meetings cannot but result in much good.